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Council hearing Wednesday on proposal to lift cap on taxicab permits, create legal path for network company vehicles

The **Public Works Committee** will hold a special meeting tomorrow (**Wednesday, June 18**) to hear testimony on a proposed ordinance lifting the cap on taxicab permits and establishing provisions for vehicle inspections and driver licensing for “network companies” such as Uber and Lyft. The proposal (**Common Council file # 131800**) also establishes a path for network company vehicles to operate legally in Milwaukee and requires the vehicles and drivers to undergo the same requirements that are currently in place for all other types of vehicles now licensed by the city.

The meeting will begin at **1:30 p.m. tomorrow in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Alderman Robert J. Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee and the primary author of File #131800, said the hearing Wednesday “is an important next step in the effort to improve overall taxicab and public passenger vehicle service in Milwaukee.”

Uber and Lyft began operating in Milwaukee earlier this year, around the same time the Common Council approved 100 new taxi cab permits and held a lottery for applicants for those permits. Uber cars are identified by black bumper stickers and Lyft cars are identified by pink mustaches attached to their front bumpers. They face similar licensing regulation efforts in other cities.

Wednesday’s special **Public Works Committee meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.**

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